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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 CFR 1.53(b) is the

- ☒ patent application of
☐ continuation patent application of
☐ divisional patent application of
☐ continuation-in-part patent application of

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For: Method and Apparatus for Data Reproduction

- ☒ This application claims priority from each of the following Application Nos./filing dates:
Japanese Patent Application No. P11-323652, Filed on November 15, 1999 and P00-073777, Filed on March 16, 2000,
the disclosure(s) of which is (are) incorporated by reference.
☐ Please amend this application by adding the following before the first sentence: "This application is a ☐ continuation ☐ continuation-in-part of and claims the benefit of U.S. Application No. 60/_____, filed _____, the disclosure of which is incorporated by reference."

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 13 page(s) of specification
☒ 4 page(s) of claims
☒ 1 page of Abstract
☒ 6 sheet(s) of ☐ formal ☒ informal drawing(s).
☐ An assignment of the invention to Hitachi, Ltd.
☐ A ☐ signed ☐ unsigned Declaration & Power of Attorney
☐ A ☐ signed ☐ unsigned Declaration.
☐ A Power of Attorney by Assignee with Certificate Under 37 CFR Section 3.73(b).
☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27 ☐ is enclosed ☐ was filed in the prior application and small entity status is still proper and desired.
☐ A certified copy of a Japanese application.
☐ Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97.
☐ A petition to extend time to respond in the parent application.
☐ Notification of change of ☐ power of attorney ☐ correspondence address filed in prior application.

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| BASIC FEE | | |
| TOTAL CLAIMS | 21- 20 | = *1 |
| INDEP. CLAIMS | 4- 3 | = *1 |

☐ MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENTED

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SMALL ENTITY

| RATE | FEE |
|--------------|----------|
| | \$345.00 |
| x \$9.00 = | |
| x \$39.00 = | |
| + \$130.00 = | |
| TOTAL | |

OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY

| RATE | FEE |
|--------------|----------|
| | \$690.00 |
| x \$18.00 = | \$9.00 |
| x \$78.00 = | \$39.00 |
| + \$260.00 = | |
| TOTAL | \$738.00 |

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